



Signature Report

October 21, 2003

Motion

Proposed No. 2003-0467.1

Sponsors Phillips

1 A MOTION identifying projects to be funded under Public
2 Law 106-393, Title III, the Secure Rural Schools and Self-
3 Determination Act of 2000, and allocating to those projects
4 the funds to be received from the federal government for
5 federal fiscal year 2004, which begins October 13, 2003.

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8 WHEREAS, in 1908 the United States Congress enacted and subsequently
9 amended a law that requires that twenty-five percent of the revenues derived from
10 national forest lands be paid to states for use by the counties in which the lands are
11 situated for the benefit of public schools and roads, and

12 WHEREAS, the sharing of revenues from the national forest lands is, in part, a
13 recognition that these lands are not subject to local taxation, and also that counties
14 provide services that directly benefit the lands and the people who use the lands, and

15 WHEREAS, the principal source of revenues from national forest lands is from
16 the sale and removal of timber, which has been sharply curtailed in recent years, with a
17 corresponding decline in revenues shared with counties, and

18 WHEREAS, the United States Congress in the Secure Rural Schools and Self
19 Determination Act of 2000, P.L. 106-393, recognized a need to stabilize education and
20 road maintenance funding through predictable payments to the affected counties, job
21 creation in those counties, and other opportunities associated with restoration,
22 maintenance and stewardship of federal lands, and

23 WHEREAS, P.L. 106-393 provides for guaranteed minimum payments for the
24 benefit of affected counties, as well as an opportunity to invest a portion of the
25 guaranteed minimum payments in projects on federal lands or that benefit resources on
26 federal lands, or in county projects or activities, and

27 WHEREAS, Title I, Section 102 of P.L. 106-393 gives each eligible county the
28 right to elect to receive either its traditional share of revenues from the national forest
29 lands or instead to receive the guaranteed minimum amount, also known as the "full
30 payment amount," and

31 WHEREAS, the full payment amount for King County for federal fiscal year
32 2004 is approximately \$2,335,800, and

33 WHEREAS, any county electing to receive the full payment amount must further
34 elect to expend an amount not less than fifteen percent nor more than twenty percent of
35 its full payment amount as project funds, and

36 WHEREAS, counties electing to receive the full payment amount must allocate
37 its project funds for expenditure between projects in accordance with Title II of P.L. 106-
38 393 and projects in accordance with Title III of P.L. 106-393, and

39 WHEREAS, Title II of P.L. 106-393 provides for special projects on federal lands
40 or that benefit resources on federal lands, which projects are recommended by local
41 resource advisory committees, and

42 WHEREAS, Title III of P.L. 106-393 provides for county projects or services,
43 some of which are associated with the federal lands, with Title III authorizing
44 expenditures for search, rescue and emergency services, staffing of community service
45 work camps, the purchase of easements, forest related educational opportunities, fire
46 prevention and county planning and community forestry pursuant to the Cooperative
47 Forest Assistance Act of 1978, and

48 WHEREAS, King County elected to receive the full payment amount, and further
49 elected to expend twenty percent of the full payment amount on projects, communicating
50 these elections by letter to the Washington State Association of Counties, forwarded to
51 the governor of the state of Washington, and

52 WHEREAS, Motion 11618, passed December 9, 2002, describes the county
53 elections to date, and approved the Title III projects for federal fiscal year 2003, and

54 WHEREAS, twenty percent of the full payment amount for federal fiscal year
55 2004 is approximately \$466,000, and this amount can be divided between Title II and
56 Title III projects, and

57 WHEREAS, the executive budget proposal for 2004 appropriates funds to
58 departments to pay for the Title III projects described in this motion, all of which meet
59 the requirements of Title III, and

60 WHEREAS, Title III of P.L.106-393 requires a forty-five day public comment
61 period before approval of Title III projects by the county, and King County published
62 descriptions of the proposed projects forty-five days before the passage of this motion;

63 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

64 A. King County hereby elects to allocate 17.6 percent of the full payment amount
65 from the federal fiscal year beginning October 1, 2003, which is approximately \$410,000,
66 to Title III projects described in subsections C, D and E of this motion.

67 B. The remaining 2.4 percent of the full payment amount, which is approximately
68 \$56,000, is to be retained by the United States Secretary of Agriculture for Title II
69 projects to be submitted by the resource advisory committee, established according to the
70 terms of Title II.

71 C. King County hereby authorizes the use of \$170,000 of Title III funds to
72 partially fund a youth forestry education program, administered by the Washington State
73 University Cooperative Extension and Earthcorps, which will provide leadership training
74 and technical skills in forest restoration to high school students.

75 D. King County hereby authorizes the use of \$120,000 of Title III funds to
76 partially fund the urban and community forestry program in the water and land resources
77 division to assist in the conservation and restoration of urban forest resources through
78 technical assistance and by providing grants for community forestry projects.

79 E. King County hereby authorizes the use of \$120,000 of Title III funds to

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80 partially reimburse the King County sheriff's office for expenses incurred performing
81 search and rescue operations on federal land.

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KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Cynthia Sullivan, Chair

ATTEST:

Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments A. The 2004 ORCA 4-H Youth Education Program WSU Cooperative Extension King
County and EarthCorps, B. Urban Forestry Program Water and Land Resources
Division King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks-Program Summary,
C. King County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue